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Chicago INS Implements New Advance Parole Procedures

Chicago, IL – As of June 1, 2002, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago will no longer accept Advance Parole applications in person at its 10 W. Jackson location. Individuals wishing to apply for Advance Parole beginning June 1 must mail Form I-131 to the following address:

Immigration and Naturalization Service
P.O. Box A3462
Chicago, IL 60690-3462
Attn: Advance Parole

Once the I-131 is approved, the applicant will be scheduled to come in to the INS office to pick up the Advance Parole (Form I-512). Applicants must present the appointment letter and a photo ID in order to receive the Advance Parole.

“The decision to change to a mail-in procedure was made to gain greater control over the process and provide better customer service to our customers,” says INS District Director Brian Perryman. Currently, an applicant applying in person for Advance Parole may wait many hours while the INS staff prepares the Advance Parole (I-512). With the new mail-in system, the applicant for Advance Parole is guaranteed a response within 30 days from the time INS receives the application.

Emergency requests for Advance Parole will be handled on a case-by-case basis for processing in less than 30 days. When mailing the application, applicants should submit a letter and supporting documentation to justify the emergency, along with a phone number where they can be reached.

Background

All aliens who have pending I-485 Adjustment of Status applications pending with INS must apply for Advance Parole before departing the country. Advance Parole allows the applicant to re-enter the U.S. and continue the adjustment of status process with INS. Failure to obtain Advance Parole before leaving the U.S. on a trip can result in the termination of the applicant's application for permanent residency.

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